

SENATE RESOLUTION 311

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A RESOLUTION to honor and commend Michael Schulson upon his recent selection as a 2008 Presidential Scholar.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pause to pay tribute to those students who, through their natural talents and unflagging commitment to excellence, have distinguished themselves both in the classroom and in their respective communities; and

WHEREAS, Michael Schulson of Chattanooga, Tennessee, is one such exceptional student who was recently named a Presidential Scholar by the United States Department of Education and will be honored in Washington, D.C., on June 21-24, 2008; and

WHEREAS, the Presidential Scholars program is extremely competitive; of the three million students expected to graduate from high school, only 3,000 candidates qualified. From those 3,000 candidates, the twenty-nine-member Commission on Presidential Scholars chose 139 students from across the nation, including the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, and U.S. families living abroad, in addition to fifteen chosen at large and twenty Presidential Scholars in the Arts; and

WHEREAS, established in 1964 by Executive Order of the President of the United States to recognize and honor the nation's most distinguished graduating high school seniors, the Presidential Scholar program was expanded in 1979 to recognize those students who demonstrate exceptional talent in the visual, creative, and performing arts; and

WHEREAS, over the last forty plus years, this unique program has honored over 5,000 Presidential Scholars who have demonstrated leadership, citizenship, scholarship, and service to school and community; and

WHEREAS, the Scholars represent academic excellence and the promise of greatness in young people; in honoring the Presidential Scholars, the President of the United States symbolically honors all graduating high school seniors of high potential; and

WHEREAS, a senior at Baylor School, where he is highly regarded by his peers, Michael has achieved an exemplary grade point average and his selection as a Presidential Scholar is truly a testament to his impeccable academic record; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Schulson's display of intellectual aptitude and ambition surely bodes well for his future success; and

WHEREAS, Michael's noteworthy achievement is a tremendous source of pride for his family, his school, and his community; and

WHEREAS, Michael Schulson's dedication to excellence is clearly deserving of the respect, admiration, and commendation of this legislative body; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, that we hereby honor and congratulate Michael Schulson for his recent selection as a 2008 Presidential Scholar and extend to him our best wishes for every future success.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.